

Henry S. Barns Passes

Funeral of One of Early Farmers of
This Community Is Held
Sunday.

MASONIC HONORS ARE
GIVEN AT THE GRAVE

Mr. Barns Was a Companionable
Man and a Loyal Friend.

Henry S. Barns whose body was buried with Masonic honors Sunday was born in Clarksfield, Ohio, June 8, 1851. When he was three his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barns moved to Johnson county, Iowa and 12 years later they came to Grinnell and located on the farm west of Grinnell where Henry spent his most active life.

The senior of the Herald first met Mr. Barns in 1875 when he was still a young man and in his full vigor. Mr. Barns was always a companionable man who loved his friends and loved to meet and talk with them. For 53 years the writer has been well acquainted with him and met him under nearly all kinds of circumstances. One thing about him was always marked. He never complained of misfortune. He met life as he saw it and always looked upon the bright side, always with a forward outlook. He never reached any great place in worldly riches but this never seemed to give him an anxiety. He was always and under all circumstances the same even companionable man.

There was another fact that stood out strong in his character. He was intensely true to his family. To him his own relations were always what he thought they ought to be and were always doing well in this world. His father and mother, his wife and children always held a strong place in his heart and in his references to them he almost reached the point of adoration.

In his death the world lost a man whose presence brought comfort to the people he was with. He never referred ungraciously to anyone so far as we ever knew and perhaps until his body became racked with pain and weakness for several years he showed a strong desire to aid in bringing comfort to others. Perhaps after he

After his return to Grinnell he located in the city and for several years was a travelling man for the Spaulding Manufacturing company, later entering the employ of the Schraeder Drug company of Iowa City which firm he served until ill health forced him to leave the road. In his church affiliations he was a member of the Christian church and a short time ago was voted a lifetime charter elder of that organization.

He was for forty years a Mason, affiliated with Hermon Lodge and of both his lodge and church relations he was proud and gave his strength and time to help build up both institutions. He had been ill for a long time both at the hospital and at the home of his son until about five weeks before his death he was taken to the Masonic hospital at Bettendorf. His passing away was easy and painless. He had been in much pain but when the end was near he was freed from the agony of that misfortune.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barns and Mr. Frank Barns drove to Bettendorf Thursday when informed of the serious condition of their father but he had passed beyond recognizing them.

The body was brought to Grinnell for burial and services were held Sunday at two o'clock in the Baptist church conducted by his former pastor Rev. W. B. Wilson assisted by the pastor Rev. H. C. Rice. Music was by the quartet composed of C. S. Myers, Henry Barkalow, Homer Dawkins and J. L. Lindsey.

Bearers were brother Masons, Dr. J. H. Friend, John W. Rehder, A. F. Swaney, A. M. Burton, R. G. Coutts and George Sampson. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masons and the usual burial services were used.

Henry Barns was the last member of his family to pass away. He had outlived his entire generation some of whom made their home in former years in or near Grinnell.